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The Senate met at 8:15 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Eternal and dependable Creator, giver of the abundant harvest, the refuge of all who flee to You the helper of those in need and the one sure resource in times of trouble. Thank You for harmonizing the world with seasons and climates, sowing and reaping, color and fragrance. We praise You, for You are the substance that sustains us in each of life's seasons. In time's rapid passing, remind us of life's brevity and teach us to number our days

Lord, thank You for all the beauty in our world, for the loveliness of earth and sea and sky. Thank You for great music and great books, for prose and poetry. Thank You for the nobility You have placed in human hearts, for our military people who love their country until even self is forgotten. Thank You for Senators who struggle with complex issues and labor for a world at peace.

Thank you for loved ones without whom life would never be the same. Lord, thank You also for obstacles, delays, challenges, trials, and even enemies that make us stronger. Above all, thank You for Your gift of salvation.

Accept this our sacrifice of thanksgiving and praise, for the sake of Your glorious name. Amen

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

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